

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are allowed. Claims 9, 15, 18, 19, 25, 28, 29, 35, 38, 39, 44, 47, 48, and 52 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification and specifically at col. 2, line 36, col. 2, line 46, col. 2, line 54, col. 2, lines 25-35, col. 6, lines 15-54, col. 7, lines 40-67, col. 8, lines 1-47, col. 8, line 49 – col. 9, line 26. No new matter is introduced with these amendments. After entry of these amendments claims 1-54 will be pending.

Rejection of Claims 9-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 9-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Examiner states that the specification enables the composition formulation additives proline, glutamine, antibiotics, water-soluble polymers or lecithins, in a composition of riboflavin and/or riboflavin derivative, but concludes that the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for any composition formulation additive.

In an effort to move forward the prosecution of this application and in no way acquiescing in the propriety of the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have amended claims 19, 29, 39, 48, and 52 to recite, in relevant part, "one or more composition formulation additives selected from the group consisting of antibiotics, water-soluble polymers, lecithin, proline, and glutamine." Applicants aver that this amendment overcomes the Examiner's rejection that the phrase "composition formulation additive" is overly broad.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of claims 9-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, in view of these amendments and remarks, and withdraw it.

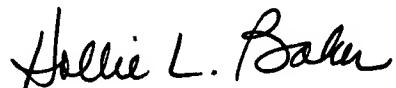
CONCLUSIONS

In view of the remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Request for Continued Examination fee (\$790), the Three Month Extension of Time fee (\$1,020), as well as any additional fees that may be due in connection with this Reply to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

If the Examiner has any questions in regard to this Reply, or any other issue in this case, please call the below signed representative at (617) 526-6110.

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